



Attorney's Entry No.: 08935-247001 / M-4963

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Keith E. Buckle et al. Art Unit : 1745
Serial No. : 09/878,748 Examiner :
Filed : June 11, 2001
Title : ANODE CANS FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL CELLS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

DECLARATION OF CHRISTINE P. BELLON

1. I am making this declaration in support of a Petition Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 116 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a).
2. I am an attorney with Fish & Richardson P.C., 225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110. I represent The Gillette Co.
3. On August 30, 2001, I mailed a cover letter and Declaration/Power of Attorney to Masaaki Ishio at his last known address. See Exhibit A. Mr. Ishio is a named co-inventor on the above-captioned application. The cover letter asked Mr. Ishio to sign the Declaration/Power of Attorney. I mailed a reminder letter to Mr. Ishio on September 21, 2001 at his last known address. See Exhibit B. Mr. Ishio, at that time, was an employee of Sumitomo Special Metals Co., Ltd.
4. I subsequently received a letter from Mr. M. Mitsuya, an Assistant Manager of Sales Section at Sumitomo Special Metals Co., Ltd., on behalf of Mr. Ishio, asking for a copy of the patent application. See Exhibit C. He also requested that I address future correspondence to Mr. Nobuo Nakajima at Sumitomo Corporation of America. As requested, I mailed a copy of the application and Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney to Mr. Nakajima on October 4, 2001. See Exhibit D. The cover letter again requested that Mr. Ishio sign the Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

February 8, 2002

Date of Deposit

Signature

Sherry L. Hunt

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate

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5. On October 10, 2001, I received a letter from Mr. Nakajima confirming receipt of the documents and explaining that the papers had been forwarded to Mr. Mitsuya of Sumitomo Special Metals Co. in Japan. See Exhibit E.

6. Mr. Mitsuya sent a letter to me dated October 26, 2001 stating that "we" have something to discuss with Mr. Keith Buckle. The letter inquired about the deadline for submitting the documents. Exhibit F. I responded to his letter on October 26, 2001, explaining that the next deadline was November 9, 2001. See Exhibit G. I subsequently sent a further cover letter to Mr. Mitsuya requesting that he have Mr. Ishio execute the Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney on November 29, 2001. Exhibit H. I requested that he send the signed documents to me by December 8, 2001.

7. On January 4, 2002, I again sent a letter to Mr. Mitsuya requesting him to have Mr. Ishio execute the Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney. See Exhibit I. I also informed him that we would proceed to prosecute the application without Mr. Ishio if we did not receive the executed papers by January 25, 2002.

8. Between January 11, 2002 and January 25, 2002, I received (as addressee, as a cc copy, or by forwarding) three e-mail messages concerning the papers from Mr. Masatomo Shono at Sumitomo Special Metals Co. See Exhibit J. I responded by e-mail on January 25, 2002, with further information concerning the execution of the Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney. See Exhibit K. I requested that he send the executed documents to me by facsimile.

9. Subsequent to my e-mail on January 25, 2002, there was a further exchange of e-mails between Mr. Buckle and Mr. Shono. See Exhibit L. The e-mail from Mr. Shono dated January 25, 2002, said:

Regarding the above issue, I fortunately could not have received any message from you and the limitation of signature, Jan. 25, 2002, has passed without any correction of document. We are very sorry not to send it back to your attorney. If we should take any response of your this patent, please keep in touch with us immediately.

10. As of today (February 8, 2002), I have not received an executed Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney from Mr. Ishio.

11. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements were made

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with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: February 8, 2002



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August 30, 2001

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Re: U.S. Serial No. 09/878,748
Gillette Ref. No.: M-4963
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Dear Mr. Ishio:

I am a patent attorney at Fish & Richardson, and I have represented Duracell on several patent applications in the past few years. As you can see by the enclosed papers, I worked with Paul Douglas and Keith Buckle on a new patent application related to copper layers of anode cans. As you are a co-inventor on this application, there are a number of papers that require your signature.

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The executed documents (U.S. Declaration/Power of Attorney, PCT General Power of Attorney and assignment) should be returned to us as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

Christine P. Bellon

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September 21, 2001

August 30, 2001

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Date : October 3, 2001

Att : Ms. Christine P. Bellon, Fish & Richardson P.C.

Cc : Mr. Keith Buckel, Duracell

Cc : Mr. Nobuo Nakajima, NMI

Re : Your letter of 8/30/01 to our Mr. M. Ishio

U.S. Serial No. 09/878, 748

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FISH & RICHARDSON, P.C.
BOSTON OFFICE

We confirm receipt of one set of documents on the subjected matter sent to Mr. Ishio.
In order for us to process the necessary thing further, please let us have a disclosure of
new patent. United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/878,748.
He cannot judge without understanding the content.

Also, please communicate this matter basically through our sales force in the U.S. as
referenced below.

Nobuo Nakajima
Sumitomo Corporation of America
444 S. Flower Street, Suite 1650
Los Angeles, CA 90071
Tel 213-688-7855 / Fax 213-688-0126

Thank you for your kind attentions to our above requests, in advance,

Sincerely,

M. Mitsuya

M. Mitsuya

Assistant Manager of sales section

Electronic Materials Sales Dept.

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Dear Mr. Nakajima:

As you can see from the attached letter, Mr. Mitsuya has requested that we address matters related to the above-referenced application to you.

We enclose a copy of the application "Anode Cans for Electrochemical Cells" for Mr. Ishio's reference. Please have Mr. Ishio execute the enclosed documents and return them to me as soon as possible.

Enclosed is a United States Declaration/Power of Attorney form to be signed and dated by Mr. Ishio (at the red flags). Also enclosed is a PCT General Power of Attorney form for the above-identified application, to be signed and dated by Mr. Ishio (at the yellow flags). These forms do not need to be notarized. Should any corrections need to be made, please have Mr. Ishio make the correction(s) in blue ink and initialize the correction(s).

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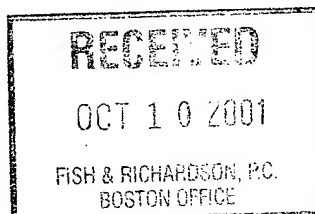
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ATTN : MS. CHRISTINE P. BELLON

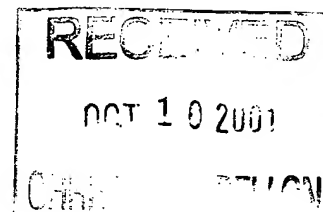
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CC : MR. M. MITSUYA, SUMITOMO SPECIAL METALS CO., LTD.

RE : U.S. SERIAL NO. 09/878, 748

GILLETTE REF. NO. : M-4963

F&R REF. NO. : 08935-247001



DEAR MS. BELLON :

THIS IS TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF ONE SET OF THE SUBJECTED RELATED DOCUMENTS THROUGH A COURIER SERVICE TODAY.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE HAVE TRANSFERRED THE PACKAGE OVER TO MR. MITSUYA OF SUMITOMO SPECIAL METALS CO., LTD., JAPAN FURTHER VIA A FEDERAL EXPRESS FOR THEIR REVIEW AND POSSIBLE SIGNATURES ON THE DOCUMENTS.

WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE ANY GET BACKS FROM THEM.

SINCERELY,

NOBUO NAKAJIMA

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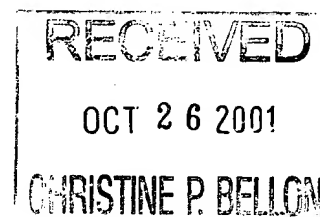
Date : October 26, 2001

Att : Ms. Christine P. Bellon, Fish & Richardson P.C.

Cc : Mr. Keith Buckel, Duracell

Cc : Mr. Nobuo Nakajima, NMU

Re : Your request for Dr. Ishio's signature dated Oct. 4, 2001
F&R Ref. No. 08935-247001



Thank you for sending a copy the application "Anode Cans Electrochemical Cells".

We discussed internally, but we have something to discuss with Mr. Keith Buckle of Duracell. I informed Mr. Keith Buckle of it by email today.

Could you please tell me by when the documents with Dr. Ishio's signature are necessary for you?

Sincerely,


M. Mitsuya

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Re: U.S. Serial No. 09 878,748
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Dear Mr. Mitsuya:

I am in receipt of your facsimile dated October 26, 2001.

With respect to the signed documents of Dr. Ishio, a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application was due in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 8, 2001. The next due date for filing a response with a one-month extension is **November 9, 2001**.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Christine P. Bellon

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November 29, 2001

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The executed documents (U.S. Declaration/Power of Attorney, PCT General Power of Attorney and assignment) should be returned to us by **December 8, 2001**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CPB".

Christine P. Bellon

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Dear Mr. Mitsuya:

As discussed in our letters of August 30, 2001, October 4, 2001, October 26, 2001, and November 29, 2001, there are a number of documents (U.S. Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney, PCT General Power of Attorney, and Assignment) for the above-referenced patent application that require Mr. Ishio's signature. Copies of the application and of these documents have already been sent to you, but for your convenience, copies are again enclosed.

Please have Mr. Ishio sign the Power of Attorney and Assignment documents. In addition, please have the Assignment witnessed, and return all of these documents to me as soon as possible.

We note that you have not returned any of the Power of Attorney or Assignment documents that were previously sent to you. If we do not receive the signed documents by January 25, 2002, we will proceed to prosecute this application without Mr. Ishio's power of attorney.

If you have any questions, please do not h

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Christine Bellon

From: SHONO.M@ssmc.co.jp
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 11:48 PM
To: bellon@fr.com
Subject: Patent Issue

Dear Mr. Christine P. Bellon,

Regarding your document of F&R Ref. No.: 08935-247001, Mr. Mitsuya has already gone out to the other company so that your document dated January 4, 2002 have just been received to the specific division on January 12.

We should look into your document that might be changed some area for our requirement and will get back to some information before Mr. Ishio will sign up.

Please write my name and division in your letter to avoid missing letter in our company.

Thank you and best regards,

Masatomo Shono
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From: Keith_Buckle@gillette.com
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 8:01 AM
To: bellon@fr.com
Cc: Paul_I_Douglas@gillette.com
Subject: Copper Layer - Sumitomo / Patent Issue

Chris, Please see the correspondence below from Japan & advise
Thanks Keith

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----- Forwarded by Keith Buckle/BT/Gillette on 01/24/02 07:57 AM -----

SHONO.M@ssmc.
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04:21 AM

To: Keith_Buckle@gillette.com
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Subject: Patent Issue

Dear Mr. Keith Buckle,

Regarding the above issue, we would be afraid of no message from you.
We have already passed our message, however, we were wondering how you
would like to be.

We are running out of the validity "January 25, 2002" to proceed to
persecute this application.
Would you please check and get it back to me as soon as possible?
It will be highly appreciated if you would let us know as soon as possible.
Thank you and best regards,

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----- 転送者: 生野/東部G/金属電子材部/営業本部/東京本社
転送日: 2002/01/24 18:19 -----

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2002/01/21 17:37
宛先: Keith_Buckle@gillette.com

cc: bellon@fr.com
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Dear Mr. Shono:

Thank you for your letter regarding Mr. Ishio and the documents for his signature. Please have Mr. Ishio sign the documents, as follows:

The document entitled "Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney" should be signed by Mr. Ishio on page 2, just below the line reading "Masaaki Ishio."

The document entitled "Assignment" should be signed by Mr. Ishio on page 2, just above the line reading "Masaaki Ishio."

The document entitled "Patent Cooperation Treaty, Appointment of Agent or Common Representative" should be signed by Mr. Ishio just above the line reading "Masaaki Ishio."

Please send the signed documents to my by facsimile (617-542-8906) as soon as possible. Please send the original documents to me by mail.

If you have any other questions, please let me know. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Christine Bellon

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From: Keith_Buckle@gillette.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2002 7:11 AM
To: Bellon@Fr.Com; Paul_I_Douglas@gillette.com
Subject: Re: Sumitomo / Patent Issue

Chris, Please see Sumitomo's comments below

FYI I will be leaving here next Tuesday 2/5 for a meeting with all players in Japan

Cheers Keith

Duracell USA, Bethel, CT USA

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----- Forwarded by Keith Buckle/BT/Gillette on 01/30/02 07:08 AM -----

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Subject: Re: Patent Issue

Dear Mr. Keith Buckle,

Thank you very much for your cooperation of this issue. We would understand your requirement by way of Mr. Christine Bellon, however, we would like remind what we would like to ask you as follows;

1. First Mr. Mitsuya, former staff of Sumitomo Special Metals, would like to ask you that Sumitomo Special Metals could be co-owner of this invention because Mr. Ishio is one of the employee in Sumitomo Special Metals.
2. However, we just could see the company name of "Gillette" in "Assignment" that Mr. Ishio should be signed.
3. We would sincerely tell you that we could make signature on the document of "Declaration" and "Power of Attorney" except the document of "Assignment".
4. We would like to request the meeting about this issue when you will be in Japan on Feb. 7. We would discuss who should be assignee and which countries you will proceed to prosecute in.

5. We also would like to ask [REDACTED] confirm to your attorney that the [REDACTED] of declaration could be postponed after this meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.
Thank you and best regards,

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Shono, Did you receive the e-mail below? Keith

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Tel: 203 796 4547
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Dear Mr. Shono:

Thank you for your letter regarding Mr. Ishio and the documents for his signature. Please have Mr. Ishio sign the documents, as follows:

The document entitled "Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney" should be signed by Mr. Ishio on page 2, just below the line reading "Masaaki Ishio."

The document entitled "Assignment" should be signed by Mr. Ishio on page 2, just above the line reading "Masaaki Ishio."

The document entitled "Patent Cooperation Treaty, Appointment of Agent or Common Representative" should be signed by Mr. Ishio just above the line reading "Masaaki Ishio."

Please send the signed documents to me by facsimile (617-542-8906) as soon as possible. Please send the original documents to me by mail.

If you have any other questions, please let me know. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Christine Bellon

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11:27 AM

Subject: Patent Issue

Dear Mr. Keith Buckle,

Regarding the above issue, I fortunately could not have received any message from you and the limitation of signature, Jan. 25, 2002, has passed without any correction of document. We are very sorry not to send it back to your attorney. If we should take any response of your this patent, please keep in touch with us immediately.
Best regards,

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